

Message

From: Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/20/2019 6:22:42 PM
To: Harlow, David [harlow.david@epa.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Idsal, Anne [idsal.anne@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Lovell, Will (William) [lovell.william@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Lopez, Peter [lopez.peter@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

Ex. 5 Delib. Process and Atty-Client

On Nov 20, 2019, at 8:40 AM, Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Ryan,

Ex. 5 Delib. Process and Atty-Client

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Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

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From: Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 6:04 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

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Subject: Re: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

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On Nov 19, 2019, at 5:57 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:29 PM

To: Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

Absolutely...I plan to pull from Laura Gentile's input, Pete's input and anything OAR and OECA may be able to provide and ensure all parties are comfortable.

Thank you!

From: Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:24 PM

To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>

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Lopez, Peter <lopez.peter@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

Corry,

While I'm sure you will, I wanted to state the obvious and request that before you send something to Mr. Hiar, you run it past OAR, since we did have involvement prior to Region 2 taking over the permitting.

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On Nov 19, 2019, at 5:09 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry
<schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Anne. I'm adding Ryan and Brittany as Brittany is included in some of the emails he has on this issue.
We are working with OP to get info to develop a response.

From: Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 3:52 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for EPA comment on Limetree Bay

Hi, we're planning to run a story on Thursday about the Trump administration's behind-the-scenes support for reopening the former Hovensa refinery. The piece details several meetings and actions top EPA officials have taken to support the Limetree Bay Terminal project, including appointing a team leader tasked with coordinating the administration's responses to the ArcLight Capital-backed project. It also quotes an [email](#) from Robert Tomiak, the team leader selected by Administrator Wheeler, in which he says "this project is potentially serving as a pilot for a broader customer liaison concept."

Why was it "[critical](#)" for LBT to base its PAL permit on 2009 and 2010 emissions levels, even though the company plans to produce far less oil than Hovensa did during those years? How will EPA ensure that LBT doesn't emit the same amount of pollution refining 210,000 barrels per day as it did when it was producing 500,000 bpd?

What does EPA make of criticism from environmentalists that the agency shouldn't be doing customer service for polluters and that it shouldn't rush along permits that a hurricane-ravaged population hasn't had much time or capacity to review? Why have Administrator Wheeler and other top officials devoted so much time and attention to this one polluting

project? Has the White House, which invited ArcLight Capital's founder to travel to China with the president in 2017, pushed for the speedy reopening of the Limetree refinery?

Why would EPA agree to allow LBT to avoid air monitoring and delay compliance with the refinery and MATS rules, as suggested by this [spreadsheet](#)? How are would those exemptions and other modifications to the consent decree benefit human health and the environment?

Please get back to me with any information or comments by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Thanks,
Corbin

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